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In re application of

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USING AN EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application which were cited by the Examiner in the corresponding German patent application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and copies of the search reports, are provided herewith. Applicants are not aware of any English language documents corresponding to the German language documents.

1. Hanes, et al., "In vitro selection methods for screening of peptide and protein libraries", CAPLUS, 1999:570827
2. World Patent WO 00/15341 (Wolf et al) entitled "Method of producing active and/or selective solid catalysts from inorganic or organometallic materials" published March 23, 2000.

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3. World Patent WO 00/40331 (Krasnow) entitled ``Aparatus and method for combinatorial research for catalysts and polymers'' published July 13, 2000.

The relevancy of the references is discussed below.

Document 1

This Ddocument is in the English Language.

Document 2

This document corresponds to DE 198 43 242.9 discussed in the specification at paragraph 2. Applicants are not aware of any English language corresponding documents.

Document 3

This document contains an English language Abstract, from which the relevancy can be determined. Applicants are not aware of any other English language corresponding documents.

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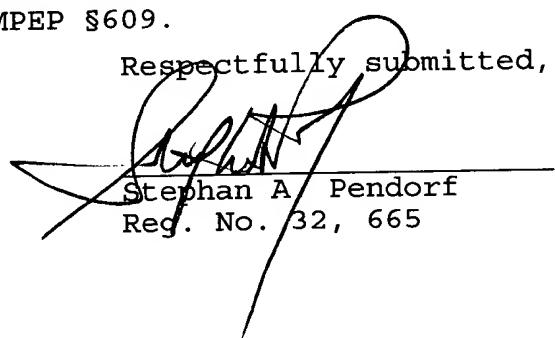
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Respectfully submitted,


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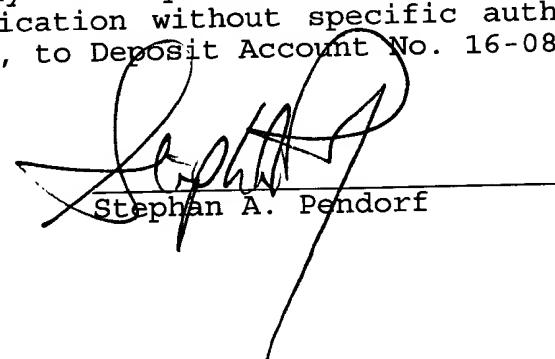
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